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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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	Yvonne M. Horton	3635

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 January 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5,8,9 and 11-13 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 8,9 and 11-13 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 February 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
      1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
      3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                     | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .  |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
|  | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .                                  |

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Withdrawal of Allowable Subject Matter***

The indicated allowability of claims 1-5 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to KATSANEVAS. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by US Patent #6,237,805 to KATSANEVAS. KATSANEVAS discloses an apparatus for permitting sanitary egress from a restroom including a door, see Figures 6 and 7; wherein a dispenser (10) mounted on one of the sides of the door and being capable of dispensing a supply of sheet (31); and a disposal container (34) also mounted on the door. Regarding claim 2, the disposal container (34) is mounted on the door opposite the dispenser (10), column 6, lines 58-60. In reference to claim 3, the disposal container (34) is positioned on the same side of the door as the dispenser (10). Regarding claim 4, the disposal container (34) is disposed below the dispenser (10).

In reference to claim 5, KATSANEVAS discloses an apparatus for permitting sanitary egress from a restroom including a mounting member which is a door, see Figures 6 and 7; wherein a dispenser (10) mounted on one of the sides of the door and being capable of dispensing a supply of sheet (31); and a disposal container (34) mounted on the door opposite side of the door, column 6, line 58-60.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 8,9 and 11-13 are allowed.

***Response to Arguments***

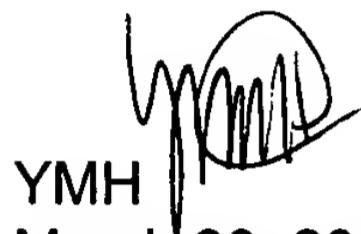
Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6,7,9 and 10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yvonne M. Horton whose telephone number is (703) 308-1909. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl D. Friedman can be reached on (703) 308-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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